

# The Tragedie.

Then fierie expedition be my wings,  
Ioue, Mercurie and Herald for a king.  
Come muster men, my counsaile is my shield,  
We must be brieft, when traytors braue the field.

*Exeunt.*

*Enter Queene Margaret sola.*

*Q. Mar.* So now prosperitie begins to mellow,  
And drop into the rotten mouth of death:  
Here in these confines shlie haue I lurkt,  
To watch the waining of mine aduersaries:  
A dire induction am I witnesse too,  
And will to France, hoping the consequence  
Will proue as bitter, blacke, and tragicall,  
Withdraw thee wretched Margaret, who comes here.

*Enter the Queene, and the Dutchesse of Yorke.*

*Qu.* Ah my yong Princes, ah my tender babes!  
My vnblowne flowers, new appearing sweets,  
If yet your gentle soules flie in the aire,  
And be not fixt in doome perpetuall,  
Houer about me with your aerie wings,  
And heare your mothers lamentation.

*Qu. Mar.* Houer about her, say that right for right  
Hath dimd your infant morne, to aged night.

*Qu.* Wilt thou O God, flie from such gentle lambs,  
And throw them in the intrailles of the wolfe:  
When didst thou sleepe, when such a deed was done?

*Qu. Mar.* When holy Mary, dide, and my sweet sonne.

*Dutch.* Blind sight, dead life, poore mortall liuing ghost,  
Woes sceane, worlds shame, graues due by life vsurpt,  
Rest they vnrest on Englands lawfull earth,  
Vnlawfully made drunke with innocents blood.

*Qu.* O that thou wouldst as well afford a graue,  
As thou canst yeeld a melancholy seate,  
Then would I hide my bones, not rest them here:  
O who hath any cause to mourne but I?

*Dut.*

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*Dut.* So many miseries haue craz'd my voice  
That my woe-wearied tongue is mute & dumbe,  
Edward Plantagenet, why art thou dead?

*Q. Mar.* If auncient sorrow be most reuerent,  
Giue mine the benefit of signorie,  
And let my woes frowne on the vpper hand,  
If sorrow can admit societie,

Tell ouer your woes againe by viewing mine:  
I had an Edward, till a Richard kild him:

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Thou hadst an Edward, till a Richard kild him.

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*Dut.* I had a Richard too, and thou didst kill him:  
I had a Rutland too, and thou holpst to kill him.

*Q. Mar.* Thou hadst a Clarence too, till Richard kild him:  
From forth the kennell of thy wombe hath crept,

A hell-hound that doth hunt vs all to death,

That dogge that had his teeth before his eyes

To worrie lambs, and lap their gentle bloods,

That foule defacer of Gods handy worke,

Thy wombe let loose, to chase vs to our graues,

O upright, iust, and true disposing God,

How do I thanke thee, that this carnall curre

Praies on the issue of his mothers bodie,

And makes her pue-fellow with others mone.

*Dut.* O, Harries wife, triumph not in my woes,  
God witnesse with me, I haue wept for thee.

*Q. Mar.* Bear with me, I am hungry for reuenge,  
And now I cloie me with beholding it:

Thy Edward, he is dead, that stabd my Edward,

Thy other Edward dead, to quit my Edward,

Yong Yorke, he is but boote, because both they

Match not the high perfection of my losse:

Thy Clarence he is dead, that kild my Edward,

And the beholders of this tragicke plaie,

The adulterate Hastings, Riuers, Vaughan, Gray,

Vntimely smothered in their duskie graues,

Richard yet liues, hels blacke intelligencer,

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